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McManus anti-hazing bill sent to governor

LANSING – Legislation to ban hazing at Michigan’s schools and universities is headed to the governor’s desk, announced Sen. Michelle McManus, a package sponsor.

“This legislation sends a strong message that our society will not tolerate such inhumane behavior, and I urge the governor to sign it as soon as possible,” said McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.

Todd Price, a residence hall director at Ferris State University, contacted McManus after attending a national conference where the absence of anti-hazing laws in Michigan was used as a negative example.

Senate Bills 783 and 784 define hazing crimes and establish punishments, including a one-year, \$2,500 misdemeanor against those who hurt another through hazing and a 15-year, \$10,000 felony against those who kill another through hazing.

If the bills are signed into law, Michigan will join the 43 other states that already have anti-hazing laws.

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